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In re application of  
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For: RELAY SERVER, RELAYING  
METHOD AND PAYMENT SYSTEM

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: DECISION ON PETITION  
: FOR THE ACCEPTANCE  
: OF LATE PAPERS

This is in response to the Petition To Accept Timely Filed Papers filed July 19, 2005. There is no fee required for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record reveals that an Office Action was mailed on May 19, 2005, setting forth a two month shortened statutory response period. Applicants' petition indicates that a response to the Office action was filed on June 23, 2005. The Office did not receive the applicants' response to the Office Action. Applicants' petition includes a post card receipt that bears the Patent Office stamp of June 23, 2005. The post card receipt provides sufficient evidence that applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action.

Since the error is on the part of the Office, the late papers will be accepted. The application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

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